

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-11, 15-20 are pending.

Examiner objected to claims 3-10 and 14-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to include the limitations of the allowable claims 3 and 14, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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